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AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.114

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated 11/28/05, this Amendment modifies the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. Prior to continued examination of the application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.